

What is claimed:

1. A system for integrating disparate applications, said system comprising an API server having an internal integrator, an ETL adapter, and a B2B adapter.

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2. The system of claim 1, wherein said ETL adapter integrates applications within a firewall and said B2B adapter integrates applications separated by the firewall.

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3. The system of claim 1, wherein said ETL adapter and said B2B adapter include business logic.

4. The system of claim 1 further comprising an application interface.

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5. The system of claim 4, wherein said application interface is JAVA-based.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes an XML gateway.

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7. The system of claim 6 further comprising an application interface.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes an application connectivity layer.

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9. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a data normalizer.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a rules and mapping agent.

5 11. The system of claim 10, wherein said rules and mapping agent is a JAVA application.

12. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a messaging agent.

10 13. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a process execution manager.

15 14. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a security interface.

15 15. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a log reporter.

20 16. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a data analyzer.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein said API server further includes a services scheduler.

25 18. The system of claim 1, wherein said applications are business management applications.

19. A method for integrating disparate applications, the method comprising the steps of:

directly integrating the applications through an API; and

integrating the applications through a data adapter, said data adapter being an ETL adapter or a B2B adapter.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein said ETL adapter integrates applications within a firewall and said B2B adapter integrates applications separated by the firewall.

21. The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of integrating the applications over a distributed network.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein said step of integrating the applications over a distributed network further comprises the use of XML gateway.

23. The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of directly integrating the applications through a direct application interface.

24. The method of claim 19, wherein said applications are business management applications.

25. A method for integrating a first application with a second, disparate application, the method comprising the steps of:
ranking a relationship between the first and the second applications; and
integrating the first and second applications according to the ranking of the relationship, wherein said first and said second applications

are either directly integrated through an API, integrated by a data adapter, or integrated over a distributed network.

26. The method of claim 25, within the data adapter is an ETL adapter or a B2B adapter, said ETL adapter integrating applications within a firewall and said B2B adapter integrating applications separated by the firewall.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein integrating said first and said second applications over a distributed network further comprises the use of an XML gateway.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein during the step of integrating the first and second applications according to the ranking of the relationship, said first and second applications may also be directly integrated through an application interface.

29. The method of claim 25, wherein said applications are business management applications.

30. A disparate applications integrator, said integrator comprising an API server having a means for internal integration, a means for ETL adapting, and a means for B2B adapting.

31. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said applications are business management applications.

32. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server means further includes a means of forming an XML gateway.

33. The integrator of claim 30 further comprising a means for application interfacing.

5 34. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for connecting applications.

35. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for normalizing data.

10 36. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for managing rules and mapping.

15 37. The integrator of claim 36, wherein said rules and mapping means is a JAVA application.

38. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for messaging.

20 39. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for process execution managing.

40. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for security interfacing.

25 41. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for log reporting.

42. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for data analyzing.

43. The integrator of claim 30, wherein said API server further includes a means for services scheduling.

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